GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3860
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ALLOTMENT OF GENERAL POOL ACCOMMODATION TO KENDRIYA BHANDAR
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1876 dated July 20, 2004 and state:

(a) the outcome of the review of allotment of General Pool Accommodation to Kendriya Bhandar and the time by which the accommodation is likely to be got vacated;

(b) whether it is against the policy of the Government to allow commercial activities in residential accommodation;

(c) if so, the reasons for the Government itself violating its cherished policies;

(d) whether due to allotment of General Pool Accommodation to non-entitled persons/institutions, there are large numbers of Government servants waiting for the allotment of General Pool Accommodation; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): Review of the allotment of General Pool residential accommodation to Kendriya Bhanadar has been undertaken in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and Department of Personnel & Training who is nodal authority in the matter. A final view will be taken on completion of the inter-departmental consultation.

(b): It has been the policy of the Government not to allow commercial activities in the residential accommodation.

(c): In 1963 it was decided to allot suitable General Pool residential accommodation to run Kendriya Bhandar outlets under the aegis of the Department of Personnel & Training, on payment of nominal licence fee of Re.1/- per month plus charges for services. Kendriya Bhandar is a welfare project of the Government of India and was established with the objective of providing consumer goods of quality at reasonable prices to the Central Government servants in particular and public at large and stationery and other items to the Government Departments.

(d)&(e): There is shortage of General Pool residential accommodation due to which the Government is not in a position to provide Government accommodation to all the eligible officers. However, such employees are paid House Rent Allowance at the rates prescribed by the Government from time to time Non-entitled persons/institutions have been allotted Government accommodation as per the policy of the Government.